

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered the decision on Appeal by the Honorable Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed March 29, 2007, and the amendments above together with the comments that follow are presented to place this case in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 through 19 were pending on Appeal. The rejection of claims 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17 and 19 were sustained on Appeal. The rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12-14, 16 and 18 was reversed. By way of the present Amendment, claims 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17 and 19 have been cancelled.

Applicants submit that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue. Entry of the present Amendment is respectfully solicited. It is believed that this response places this case in condition for allowance. Hence, prompt favorable reconsideration of this case is solicited.

It is believed that claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12-14, 16 and 18 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request an early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application. If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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